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Honorable
Richard J. Durbin
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Dear Sir,

It was indeed a great pleasure having met you, I acknowledge receiving your letter with great appreciation. Your address to the participants of the Illinois State Medical Society leadership conference was remarkably good certain key issues were discussed for which there are not easy answers in the near future. The cost of medicine has to be leveled off and there is no reason why it could exceed the general index of inflation.

Perhaps you remember I mentioned regarding a chairtable project I have in mind which is to be established in Pakistan, this would be for the care of Afghani refugees and for indigent population locally. For this I would need some funds for which I am requesting the State Department or the Department of Refugee-should provide me some assistance, I am sure you could be instrumental in accomplishing this goal. I have been successful in getting a tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, I am also enclosing a brochure with my letter which will explain it further.

My plans are as follows: It will be a hundred bed hospital and will provide extensive out-patient services and the land for this project has been donated, the agency for International Development has provided substantial loan to various developing countries, the program has usually been administered by the local government with a lot of bureaucratic process, a lot of waste and most of the time the benefit does not go to the needy. I must point out the help in constructing a medical facility has always been on low priority for the developing countries. I realize the objection would come not to provide any assistance on individual basis for that matter I would like to travel to Washington and would personally talk to the people concerned.

I have the blueprints for the hospital already drawn up and I'll be happy to mail them if needed. In the meantime I'll be waiting to hear from you. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely.

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